

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-6 and 9 and indication that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters.

Claims 7 and 8 have been objected to because "said plurality of first control terminals" recited in the claims lack antecedent basis. In response, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 8 thereby overcoming the stated bases for the objection to the claims. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully solicited.

The specification has also been objected to. In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that "the first inspection terminal and the second inspection terminals recited in claim 1 seem to be referred as 'odd-numbered data terminal' and 'even-numbered data terminal' in the specification. Therefore, applicant is required to modify the language in the specification so that the similar terms are used in the specification and the claims." This objection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants invite the Examiner's attention to, for example, 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and 37 C.F.R. §1.71. There is no law or rule to require that "the similar terms are used in the specification and the claims." The invention is defined in scope by the claims, which fully comport with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, paragraph 2. Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit withdrawal of this objection to the specification.


It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed objections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Application No.: 10/644,794

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP



Tomoki Tanida

Recognition under 37 C.F.R. 10.9(b)

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
Phone: 202.756.8000 SAB:TT
Facsimile: 202.756.8087
Date: July 14, 2005

**Please recognize our Customer No. 20277
as our correspondence address.**

WDC99 1106265-1.057454.0960